Industrial safety rules in factories

2595. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Industrial safety rules ignored in Durgapur area", which appeared in the Statesman, Calcutta edition, dated the 22nd June, 1987; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to ensure implementation of safety rules in the factories under the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Factories Act, 1948 lays down the provisions for ensuring safety in manufacturing processess. The responsibility for enforcement of the Factories Act lies with the State Government/Administrations of the Union Territories. The Central Government also issues guidelines to the State Government/Union Territory Administration from time to time regarding enforcement of safety provisions and meeting emergencies. The provisions contained in the Factories Act are applicable to all factories covered by the Act irrespective of the fact whether the factory is owned by the Central Government or State Government or by any other agency.

दिल्ली में इण्डेन गैस के वितरक

2596. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आज की स्थिति के अनुसार संघ राज्य क्षेत्र दिल्ली में इण्डेन गैस वितरकों की कुल संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) इन वितरकों के नाम और पते क्या हैं ;

(ग) ऐसे वितरकों की संख्या कितनी है जिनकी दैनिक सप्लाई "रिफिल्स" की कमी होने के कारण मात्र 20 सिलैंडर ही हैं ;

(घ) क्या उपर्युक्त भाग (ग) में उल्लिखित वितरकों में से कुछ ऐसे भी हैं, जिन्हें इस कारण से अधिक सिलेंडरों की आपूर्ति नहीं की जा रही हैं क्योंकि उनके पास अपेक्षित घरेलू उपभोक्ता कार्ड नहीं हैं, यदि हां, तो क्या उन वितरकों के घरेलू उपभोक्ता कार्डों को अपेक्षित संख्या में बढाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो प्रस्ताव का ब्यौरा क्या है, और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) दिल्ली संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में इस समय इण्डेन के 114 वितरक हैं ।

(ख) वितरकों के नाम और पते अनुबन्ध में दिये गए हैं । देखिये [परिशिष्ट CXLIII अनुपत्र संख्या 104] ।

(ग) से (ङ) केवल एक ही ऐसा वितरक है जिसको रिफिलों की दैनिक बिक्री 20 सिलिण्डरों से कम है । इस वितरक के उपभोक्ताओं की संख्या को बढाने के लिए आई ओ सी कार्यवाही कर रहा है ।

Oil exploration in off-shore blocks

2597. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have decided to offer eight offshore blocks for oil exploration to foreign companies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Govt. have invited bids from experienced international companies for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in 27 offshore blocks in 6 basins as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Basin	No of Blocks Offered
1	Saurastra offshore	1
2	Konkan Kerala Offshore	8
3	Cauvery Offshore	5
4	Palar offshore	2
5	Krishna Godavari offshore	7
6.	Mahanadi offshore	4
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These bids have been invited in order to:

(i) Supplement the exploration efforts of the national oil companies, namely ONGC/OIL.

(ii) Attract foreign risk capital.

(iii) Seek application of the latest technology available with these companies.

Retention and pool pricing system

2598. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of retention and pool pricing system adopted for utilisation of the Drug Prices Equalisation Account under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979, is being done away with under the new measures announced in December, 1986;

(b) if so, for what other purpose the said funds comprising unintended profits earned by multinational and other firms which would accrue to the DPEA in future would be utilised; and

(c) how the unintended profits would henceforth be utilised or channelised for the benefit of the consumer and the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The amounts which have already accrued to the DPEA and those which are likely to accrue as a result of action in the past, will be used for the purpose stipulated in the existing DPCO, 1979. This has been specified in the new measures.

Prices of Doxycycline

2599. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Doxycycline was revised a number of times during 1981 to 1986, if so, what was the price in 1981 and what were subsequent revisions alongwith date of each revision;

(b) whether the stocks were verified before increasnig the price each time and if so the stocks available on each occasion and whether the unintended profits were recovered; if so the amount collected and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that price increase was allowed without the recommendation of BICP, if so, the reasons therefor; and